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THE CHIEF FINANCEIR.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard, Methodism's Matchless "Dollar Money King" Makes the Banner Record.

His First Year as Financial Secretary Shows An Increase of all Previous Records of \$18 000—Points in the Career of a Self-made Man.

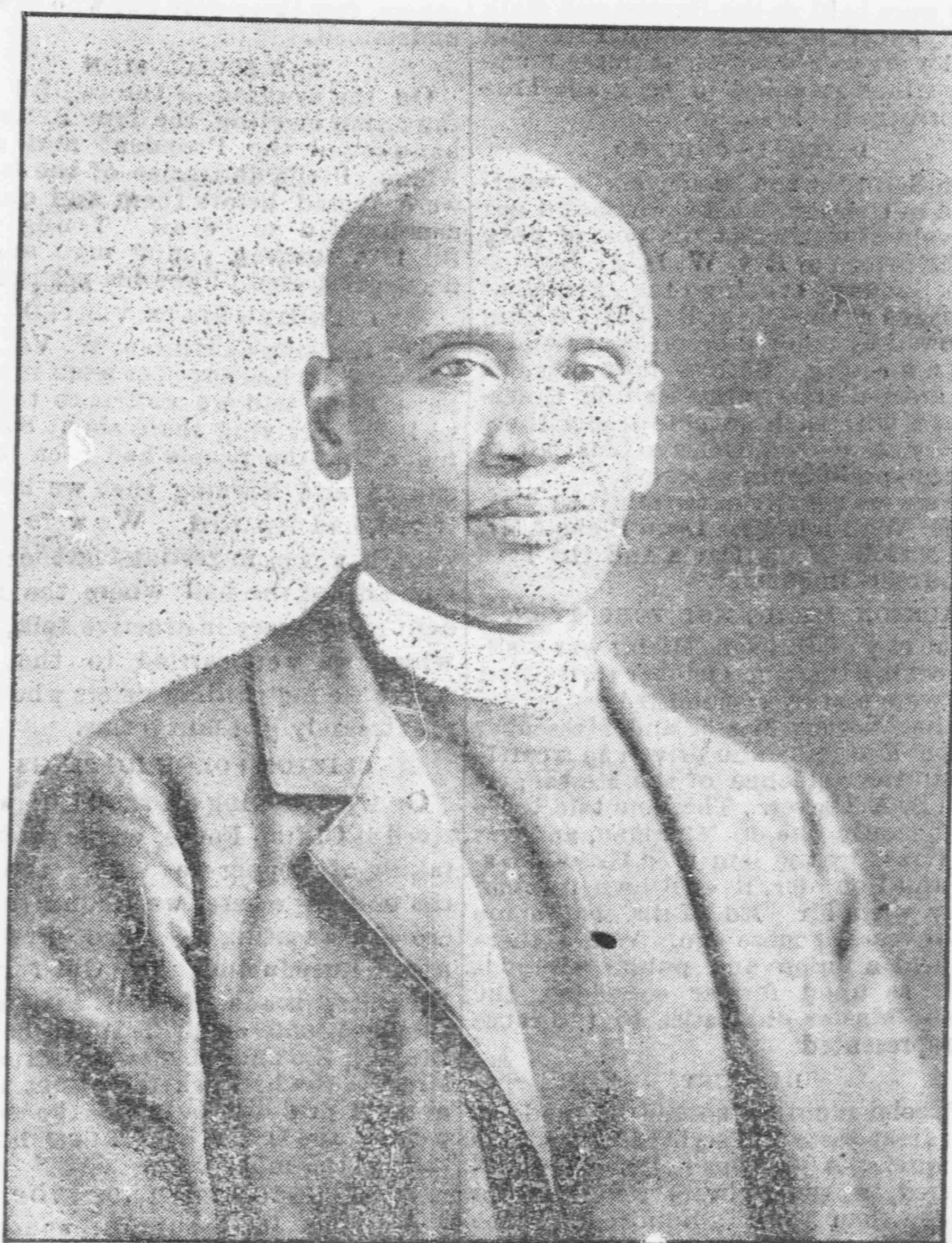
In April 1899 when Rev. P. A. Hubbard was a member of the Financial Board of the A. M. E. Church The Colored American said of him when advocating his election as Financial Secretary of his Church:

"There is a time-honored and truthful adage that 'nothing succeeds like success.' He who bears upon his brow this talismanic wreath of laurel is honored among men and feted by the multitude. Why? Because of the equally potent aphorism 'there is no excellence without labor.' The achievement of a high measure of success in this age of merciless criticism and keen competition is the logical outcome of unremitting toil, diligent and conscientious application, and natural fitness for the duties assumed. The man and the work must fit like the tongue and groove, and the result is a combination pleasing to the lover of symmetrical development, and eloquently appeals to the artistic instinct of humanity.

"Thus happily blended, as to man and mission, are the peculiar capabilities of Rev. P. A. Hubbard, of Colorado, and the exacting requirements of meeting stupendous financial obligations. Riding roughshod over difficulties that would discourage the average minister of the gospel, and drawing upon a community scattered and undeveloped, his magnetic personal qualities, limitless mental resources and abundant faith in the support of the Almighty, Dr. Hubbard by dint of persevering labor, has broken all records in the gathering of funds to carry on the work of the Master, and has well earned the sobriquet of 'the Dollar Money King.'

What a magnificent financial secretary he would make for the great Church with which his life has been, and is, identified! If the present incumbent of that responsible office is elevated to the Bishopric, could the African Methodist Episcopal connection find timber better seasoned or more reliable? Assuredly not! In the providence of God and the wisdom of the elders must rest the result, but the preservation of the equities seem to demand that 1900 shall witness the installation of the masterly Hubbard as financial secretary of the race's most complete and most influential organization.

Rev. Phillip Alexander Hubbard was born of slave parents and reared under circumstances which inured him to hardships. His career brings to our mind the thought that there is a power over the human family which moves the individual man as well as nations. And just as birds are moved on by an irresistible impulse to seek a new con-



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genial clime ere the rigors of winter comes on, so the man who is susceptible of Divine impressions is moved by the all-embracing Intelligence to advance up the line through difficulties over obstacles and hindering causes, from the untutored boy to the strong and vigorous man, with powers of body and soul developed till he can stand and grapple with the problems of life which challenge the attention of the advance guard of the race. Such an one is led very often to heights undreamed of till many years after, in looking back and down the steep he is impelled to exclaim: He led me by a way that I knew not." The mother of our subject was strong in head and heart, hence this son inherited a wonderful tenacity of purpose and a devotion to the cause he espouses that will brook no restraint. If we were asked to suggest his forte or strongest trait, it would be difficult to say whether it is in the heart that loves and espouses a cause on the one hand or the determined will or power of execution on the other—that is to say the ability to carve out success. If he had been called to lead an army it is doubtful whether his most skillful feat would

have been the plan originated for aggressive warfare or the marshalling of his force while sweeping down upon the enemy to rout him from every stronghold. He felt that the African M. E. Church was an organization worthy of his highest esteem and devotion; hence he has labored night and day to advance its interests. No man has ever doubted his loyalty; but on the contrary he is seen to array himself with the ranks in every contest where her victories were to be pushed. He has labored all his life in the West—Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and the Rocky Mountain regions. No opportunity to become a collegiate, too busy to become a deep philosopher he has been an intelligent, intensely practical man. Among the mighty spirits who have urged on the hosts to the conflict in the moral and spiritual development of this vast region of country, he has been conspicuous—pre-eminent along some lines. For instance in the matter of our "financial system" we have what is known as our "Dollar Money law"—the intention is to raise \$1 00 a year from each member or

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BISHOP DERRICK SPEAKS.

He Says America is the Best Country on Earth for the Negro.

A Review of His Trip to Europe and Some Facts Relative to the Ecumenical Conference—His Visit to the Vatican—Bruce Grits Interesting Letter.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special—A large and appreciative audience greeted Bishop Derrick, Bishop of New York on the occasion of his lecture at Bethel A. M. E. church on Tuesday 19th inst. and were well repaid for coming out. For the lecture was delivered in the Bishop's happiest vein and in his most eloquent style. He was frequently interrupted by applause and especially was this so when he said in his exordium, "After all America is the best country on earth for the Negro. America has done more for the Negro than any other country on earth. It is our home and here we will remain and grow with its growth and develop the highest and best talents within us." This sentiment was greeted with a burst of applause, the audience rising and waving hundreds of handkerchiefs. Dr. Henderson started the national anthem "America" and the people joined in and sang it with a vim.

The Bishop's accounts of his travels were mixed with delicate humor which was greatly enjoyed by all. He told about the hand-kissing incident which occurred in Turin, Italy, and told it in such a way that everybody tittered out loud. His next sally was his experience in the Vatican where he had been mistaken for an Italian priest and urged to keep an appointment with his Holiness the Pope at two p. m. by one of the Pope's messengers. He said he told the messenger that he was an American, but the messenger insisted that he was the person for whom he had been sent, then he said he told him that he was a friend of Garibaldi and the messenger dropped him like a warm potato. The poverty and want seen everywhere in Rome, and the great number of able bodied beggars who beset visitors in the Holy City struck the Bishop forcibly. In the Vatican he said there is gold and silver and plate enough to pay off our national debt if it could be turned into money. It is piled up like junk in a junk shop and it seemed a pity that there should be such penury and beggary in the midst of so much hoarded wealth.

The Bishop saw the Italian method of making macaroni and shaking his head he said "I then and there made a vow that I would eat no more of it." He described minutely his trips to Venice, Florence, Switzerland, through the great Mont Cenis Tunnel under the Alps, Mt. Vesuvius and places of interest in the greatest city of Rome whose glory like that of Babylon has departed. The Pope he said was more popular in America than in Italy, he lives in daily fear of the people who are opposed to

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